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Appln. No. : 10/031,817  
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For : DEVICE FOR DIE CUTTING A STACK CONSISTING  
OF SHEET-TYPE MATERIALS

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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 19, 2003, Applicants have added a new claim 29 and respectfully request the Examiner consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.